TIES Recap

1-5-10

Insights gained from attending the conference:

* Cloud computing is increasing:
  + Becoming the industry standard
  + Cost efficiencies
  + Exciting opportunities
* The Moodle possibilities are vast
  + We are using a very small part currently
* The advent of I-Pads
  + Usage and capability
  + Students creating projects, investigations, applications, assessment, special needs, etc.
  + Management issues
  + Purchasing
  + Reason: Portability, flexibility, adaptability of technology for student learning
    - Self-directed learning opportunities
    - Relevant, instant information at fingertips for students
    - Individual tools for student learning
    - Versatility of tool: Ability to be used with E – 12 students
  + Will this tool make instruction easier??? How???
  + Are we willing to learn on the fly? What is our comfort level with learning/trouble shooting new things everyday?
* Grant Writing is a funding source for many of these ideas
* Technology support is essential to new hardware/software and implementation
* Importance of teaching students effective/appropriate practices on technology use
* Implemented small classroom strategies learned at the TIES Conference
  + Polleverywhere.com
  + Back Channel
  + Todaysmeet.com
  + Skype Educators
* Extreme Servers: Allows you to manage rights from desktop to server (student vs. staff vs. admin). Increased security measures
* Student E-Mail: Keep our eye on this
* Student Blogging: Keep our eye on this
* Keynote Speakers were on big picture things and concepts